

## ***Build Problem Solving Skills: Critical Thinking via LOC Learn***

*Build Core Competencies via LOC Learn* is a series of development tools that map virtual learning resources to the Library's core competencies. This week's competency is "Problem Solving." We encourage you to take this opportunity to refresh your skills and abilities and share them with a friend or coworker. Select a learning resource below:

| Online Learning Resource  | Resource Type, Duration | Speaker        | What you will learn:   |
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| <a href="#">Developing Your Critical Thinking and Cognitive Flexibility</a>     | Course, 48 minutes      | N/A            | This course will help you improve your critical thinking skills. You'll learn about the intake, investigate, and act stages of critical thinking, as well as how to use analytical techniques to assess information. Finally, you'll learn the advantages of keeping an open mind through cognitive flexibility. |
| <a href="#">Knowing When to Think Critically</a>                                | Video, 1:55 minutes     | Lisa Callahan  | We all have the ability to think critically, but we need to know when to apply that skill.   |
| <a href="#">Reaching Sound Conclusions</a>                                      | Course, 21 minutes      |                | In this course, you'll learn how to recognize the critical-thinking activities associated with reaching a sound conclusion. You'll discover how to employ effective questions, use tools to help you conclude findings, and create an action plan for putting conclusions into practice when solving problems.   |
| <a href="#">Leading Through Critical Thinking</a>                               | Video, 2:09 minutes     | Dwayne Spradin | Leaders today need better critical thinking and problem solving skills—a focus on what questions to ask and how to approach the answers to those questions.  |
| <a href="#">Critical Thinking Essentials: Applying Critical Thinking Skills</a> | Course, 60 minutes      | N/A            | This course explains how critical thinking promotes creative thinking. It also describes the skills required for critical thinking and how to apply critical thinking to decisions, problems, or issues in the workplace.  |
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| <a href="#">Critical Thinking</a>   | Book, 16 pages          | Jon C. Warner  | Offering a highly usable framework that can be utilized in many different circumstances, this book provides useful insights into critical thinking and helps readers put some of the best prevailing ideas into practice.  |